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1. AMEMB MEXICO AND DEPT CONTINUE TO RECEIVE GREAT PRESS-URE FROM MEXICAN FONSEC RABASA ON HOW USG SHOULD VOTE ON CHARTER. THE ONLY COMMITMENT WE HAVE MADE TO RABASA IS THAT WE SHALL WORK SERIOUSLY TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES.

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2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT ASSURANCE, MISSION SHOULD CON-

TINUE TO GIVE SUPPORT TO UKDEL'S PROPOSAL THAT GROUP B COUNTRIES PROPOSE TO GROUP OF 77 THAT STRUCTURED THOUGH INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS RESUME PROMPTLY IN NY. IF NECESSARY, IT SHOULD JOIN UKDEL OR TAKE INITIATIVE IN RECONVENING WEOS-GROUP B FOR RENEWED CONSIDERATION OF SUCH AN APPROACH TO G-77, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL (B).

3. MISSION SHOULD ALSO ASSURE CASTANEDA AND GONZALEZ GALVEZ IN ANY CONVERSATIONS ON CHARTER THAT MAY TAKE PLACE THAT USG CONTINUES TO BE PREPARED TO WORK WITH GOM IN EFFORT TO PROMOTE CONSENSUS ON CHARTER, AND BELIEVES THAT ANY FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS, TO BE EFFECTIVE, MUST BE IN MULTILATERAL CONTEXT WITH PARTICIPATION OF THE KEY DELS CONCERNED. IN MISSION'S DISCRETION, IT MAY INDICATE TO GOM REPS DISAPPOINTMENT OF USG THAT G-77 MEMBERS AT

LAST SESSION OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT ENDED OCT 19 UPSET THE PROMISING APPROACH TO AN AGREED TEXT ON ART 2 WHICH EMERGED BY 3:00 A.M. EARLIER THAT MORNING AT DINNER HOSTED BY UNDER SECRETARY GONZALEZ SOSA.

- 4. IN OUR VIEW, IF NEGOTIATIONS DO RESUME, THEY SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO DEAL BOTH WITH ART 2 AND UNRESOLVED TRADE PROBLEMS. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT ART 2 IS MOST DIFFICULT, SINCE GOM INSISTS SOME SUCH ART MUST APPEAR IN CHARTER, BUT WE ARE OPEN-MINDED ON WHETHER IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO ADDRESS TRADE ISSUES INITIALLY.
- 5. WE ARE EQUALLY OPEN-MINDED ON WHETHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN COMITE 2 SHOULD PROCEED UNDER UNCTAD-GROUP B UMBRELLA OR UN-WEOS. INSOFAR AS WE HAVE PREFERENCE, IT FAVORS UNCTAD APPROACH, BUT THE ESSENTIAL POINT IS THAT CONTINUED FULL CONSULTATION, AND INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE COORDINATION, AMONG THE DCS ON CHARTER BE ASSURED AT EVERY STAGE. INGERSOLL

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